

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, in view of the following remarks.

Applicant acknowledges the restriction request of the Examiner and affirms the election without traverse per the telephone conversation with Jim Salter on May 9, 2002 to prosecute Group II claims 10-18, 28-36, 46-54, and 64-72 as originally filed.

After the election, and cancellation of claims without prejudice, claims 10-16, 18, 28-34, 36, 46-52, 54, 64-70, and 72 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Muratani et al. (U.S. Patent 6,061,451). Claims 17, 35, 51, and 71 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and complying with double patenting statutes.

Claims 10-16, 18, 28-34, 36, 46-52, 54, 64-70, and 72 rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Objected claims 17, 35, 51, and 71 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (10, 28, 46, and 64 respectively) and any intervening claims (16, 34, 52, and 70 respectively) as amended independent claims 10, 28, 46, and 64 respectively. As such, Applicant submits that amended independent claims 10, 28, 46, and 64 overcome the 102(e) rejection and request withdrawal of the rejection.

Further, since the claims dependent on amended independent claims 10, 28, 46, and 64 now include the limitations of the objected to claims, Applicant submits that dependent claims 11-15, 18, 29-33, 36, 47-51, 54, 65-69, and 72 are allowable in view of the cited art, and requests allowance.

CONCLUSION

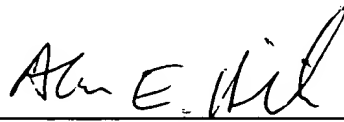
For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

10. (Once amended) A copy management method for controlling the recording and reproduction of digital content comprising:

receiving a digital bitstream including program data, said program data including system information and said digital content in a scrambled format;

descrambling in a first conditional access unit said digital content in a scrambled format to provide a first output including said digital content in a descrambled format;

providing a second output including said digital content in the scrambled format;

outputting said first output including said digital content in the descrambled format and the second output including said digital content in the scrambled format;

receiving a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the program data;

selecting at least one of the access requirements;

storing the scrambled program data and the selected at least one access requirement;

retrieving the stored scrambled program data and the stored access requirement; and

descrambling the scrambled program using the access requirement in a second conditional access unit.

13. (Once amended) The copy management method of claim 12[10], wherein said decompressing is executed in an MPEG decoder.

28. (Once amended) A copy management apparatus for controlling the recording and reproduction of digital content comprising:

a receiver to receive a digital bitstream including program data, said program data including system information and said digital content in a scrambled format;

a descrambler in a first conditional access unit to descramble said digital content in a scrambled format to provide a first output including said digital content in a descrambled format, to

provide a second output including said digital content in the scrambled format;
outputting said first output including said digital content in the descrambled format and the second output including said digital content in the scrambled format;

receiving a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the program data;

selecting at least one of the access requirements;

storing the scrambled program data and the selected at least one access requirement;

retrieving the stored scrambled program data and the stored access requirement; and

descrambling the scrambled program using the access requirement in a second conditional access unit.

31. (Once amended) The copy management method of claim 30[28], wherein said decompressing is executed in an MPEG decoder.

46. (Once amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed by a processing system, cause the system to perform a method for controlling the recording and reproduction of digital content comprising:

receiving a digital bitstream including program data, said program data including system information and said digital content in a scrambled format;

descrambling in a first conditional access unit said digital content in a scrambled format to provide a first output including said digital content in a descrambled format;

providing a second output including said digital content in the scrambled format;

outputting said first output including said digital content in the descrambled format and the second output including said digital content in the scrambled format;

receiving a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the program data;

selecting at least one of the access requirements;

storing the scrambled program data and the selected at least one access requirement;

retrieving the stored scrambled program data and the stored access requirement; and

descrambling the scrambled program using the access requirement in a second conditional access unit.

49. (Once amended) The medium of claim 48[47], wherein said decompressing is executed in an MPEG decoder.

64. (Once amended) A copy management apparatus for controlling the recording and reproduction of digital content comprising:

means for receiving a digital bitstream including program data, said program data including system information and said digital content in a scrambled format;

means for descrambling in a first conditional access unit said digital content in a scrambled format to provide a first output including said digital content in a descrambled format;

means for providing a second output including said digital content in the scrambled format;

means for outputting said first output including said digital content in the descrambled format and the second output including said digital content in the scrambled format;

means for receiving a plurality of access requirements, wherein each access requirement can descramble the program data;

means for selecting at least one of the access requirements;

means for storing the scrambled program data and the selected at least one access requirement;

means for retrieving the stored scrambled program data and the stored access requirement; and

means for descrambling the scrambled program using the access requirement in a second conditional access unit.

67. (Once amended) The copy management apparatus of claim 66[64], wherein said decompressing is executed in an MPEG decoder.